

PATENT**A-68779/RBC/VEJ**

Applicant submits that dependent claims 20, 23, 25, 27, and 28 have been amended in independent form to include the limitations of claim 39 as originally presented in the Supplemental Amendment of February 22, 2000 and are thus allowable over the art of record. Applicant submits that independent claim 39 has been amended to include a means for adjusting the plating parameter B2 of the electrolyte and is thus allowable over the art of record. Applicant submits that independent claim 41 has been amended to include a disk having a plurality of holes adapted to provide a flow of electrolyte through the disk that is uniform along the radius of the disk and is thus allowable over the art of record. Claims 26, 31 and 43 have been amended to correct minor informalities pointed out by the Examiner during his telephone conference with Victor Johnson on April 6, 2000.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection of claims 20, 23, and 25-59 have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot in Applicant's present and previous responses. Allowance of claims 20, 23, and 25-59 is believed to be in order and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, the personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Victor Johnson at (650) 494-8700.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 including fees for the presentation of extra claims associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-68779/RBC/VEJ).

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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